

HOUSE BILL No. 1298

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-19-9; IC 36-8-20.

Synopsis: Communications and public safety answering points. Requires the division of preparedness and training within the department of homeland security to develop a training program to standardize the communications codes used by all dispatchers and public safety providers in Indiana by July 1, 2011. Requires local governments to consolidate public safety answering points (PSAPs) so that each county contains no more than one PSAP by July 1, 2011.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 15, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-19-9-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2008]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement**
4 **agency" means an agency or a department of any level of**
5 **government whose principal function is the apprehension of**
6 **criminal offenders.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 10-19-9-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2005,
8 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2008]: **Sec. 2. (a)** As used in this chapter, "public safety
10 service provider" or "provider" means an officer or employee of the
11 state, an officer or employee of a governmental unit, or a volunteer who
12 is engaged in at least one (1) of the following activities:

- 13 (1) Firefighting.
- 14 (2) Emergency management.
- 15 (3) Environmental management.
- 16 (4) Fire or building inspection.
- 17 (5) Emergency medical service.



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(6) Any other public safety or homeland security activity that the division may designate.

(b) For purposes of section 3(c) of this chapter, the term includes a law enforcement agency.

SECTION 3. IC 10-19-9-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2005, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 3. (a) The division shall develop and provide a training program for public safety service providers.

(b) **Except as provided in subsection (c)**, participation in the training program is optional for a provider.

(c) The training program required by this section must include the standardization of the communications codes used by all dispatchers and providers in Indiana by not later than July 1, 2011. Participation in the aspect of the training program required by this subsection is mandatory for a provider.

SECTION 4. IC 36-8-20-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "PSAP" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-8-16.5-13.

SECTION 5. IC 36-8-20-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 4. (a) **After June 30, 2011, a county may not contain more than one (1) PSAP.**

(b) **This section may not be construed to prevent political subdivisions from providing adequate backup systems for a PSAP authorized by subsection (a).**

(c) **This section may not be construed to require a county to contain a PSAP.**

SECTION 6. IC 36-8-20-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 5. (a) **A political subdivision operating a PSAP in a county containing more than one (1) PSAP shall enter into an interlocal agreement under IC 36-1-7 with other political subdivisions in the county or in the region surrounding the political subdivision before July 1, 2011, to ensure compliance with section 4 of this chapter.**

(b) **An interlocal agreement entered into under this section must provide for the staffing and funding obligations of each political subdivision participating in the establishment of a county or regional PSAP.**

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